

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

The Examiner's determination in the Office Action mailed September 9, 2005 that claims 12, 17, 18, and 20 constitute allowable subject matter is gratefully acknowledged.

The Office Action mailed September 9, 2005 indicates that claims 7, 8, and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Pat. No. 343,688 to Barney ("Barney"). By the foregoing amendment, claims 7, 8, and 10 have been cancelled to place the application into condition for expeditious allowance. This cancellation of claims 7, 8, and 10 is not an admission that Applicant agrees that claims 7, 8, and 10 are unpatentable under §103 over Barney, and Applicant reserves the right to pursue those claims in a continuation application.

No claims are being added. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After cancelling claims 7, 8, and 10, claims 12, 17, 18, and 20 are now pending in this application. Each of those claims was considered allowable in the Office Action mailed September 9, 2005.

Consequently, Applicant believes that the present application should now be in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-2350. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even

entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 50-2350.

If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 50-2350.

Respectfully submitted,

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